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PINGREE'S LATEST.
Governor Pingree has attacked the railroads of Michigan on both flanks. In addition to his unending fight for lower rates he is determined to make them pay more taxes if he can. With this end in view he has called the state legislature to assemble in extra session March 22.
His reasons for his action and what he expects to accomplish are embodied in his proclamation which is as follows:
"By section 6 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Michigan it is provided that the governor shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed."
"By section 7 of the same article he is given the power to convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions."
"By section 11 of article 14 it is made the duty of the legislature to provide a uniform rule of tax."
"By section 12 of the same article 'all assessments hereafter authorized shall be on property at its cash value.'"
"These provisions have been a part of the fundamental law of the state since 1850. In violation of that spirit, if not the letter, of these provisions of the constitution laws have been passed from time to time by which railroad companies, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies now owning, according to their sworn returns, at least one-third of the property of this state, are required to pay only about one-twenty-sixth of the taxes levied for state, county and municipal purposes, leaving their just proportion of supporting our schools, asylums and other public institutions and defraying the public expenses to fall upon the farmers, laborers and manufacturers and other property owners of the state."
"Taxation has, in many parts of the state, become in the nature of confiscation, the amount levied being greater than the property itself is made to produce. I regard the situation as extraordinary and one that demands an immediate remedy, which can only be given by the legislature."
"It is the duty of the governor, under his oath of office, to see that the constitution of the state is obeyed, and the laws faithfully executed, and to submit to the legislature, from time to time, his views upon existing mischief, so that a remedy can be provided."
"In obedience to this duty, I hereby call the legislature of the state to meet in extraordinary session on Tuesday, March 22, 1898, at noon, to consider the question of the taxation of railroad companies, express companies and such other matters as shall be submitted by special message."
Governor Pingree may not attain a realization of his hopes but this move of his will stand as another advance in the commendable effort to compel all corporations to pay their just proportion of taxes and to compensate the people for valuable franchises offered given with little thought and without just consideration.

Carter Harrison's budding presidential boom has been nipped by a spring frost. The Democratic committee of Carter's own state met this week and declared for Bryan. Perhaps they wanted to save the mayor the trouble of writing that free silver book.

GLOBE SIGHTS.
(From the Atchison Globe.)
In time, money making becomes a disease.

We have all caught little fish, and heard of big ones.

A man who can roll a cigarette perfectly never amounts to anything.

Immediately after eating a heavy meal, a dyspeptic honestly believes he will never do it again.

Though every one claims to be fond of poetry, we never yet saw a volume of poetry with the back worn off.

By the term, "A day of reckoning will come," is meant that if you accept invitations to dinner, you will have to invite back.

The most noticeable feature about a sermon is the number of good places for stopping that the speaker fails to take advantage of.

Before a man is married, he devotes considerable time to thinking up secrets to tell his girl, but after marriage, which is scheming is to keep secrets from her.

A month never seems so long to a woman as when she puts down a magazine, and realizes that it will be a whole month before she can go on with the continued story.

When a man succeeds in life, he makes very little out of it, except a lot of hard work. Some men, however, make a man's wife does well, but a successful man is usually overworked.

Jack Culture, of Atchison, will resign his position in a few days to go east to study Greek. Mr. Culture does not need Greek in his profession, which is that of a grocery clerk, and his family needs the money he will spend in study, but Mr. Culture fortunately is no grub, and aims high.

What the copy book used to say, and will go, nevertheless. Besides, if it is right for a married woman to make up advanced studies, it is right for a man.

Captain Eulata's act of kicking his countrymen off the Vincyaya doesn't bring back the Maine nor restore to life the members of her crew.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.
(From the New York Press.)
A man is generally willing to tell his wife all about a thing that he thinks she is likely to find out anyhow.

When a man dreams it is time to let the furnace go out; the first thing he

thinks of when he wakes up is fly screens.

A woman is never quite so genuinely happy as when she has found out something against a man that she can forgive him for.

A woman never passes a postman without feeling sure he is going to her house.

Woman always prefers to have a different doctor from the neighbors so she can claim her sicknesses are more expensive.

Every woman has an idea that if her husband were suddenly told that she had been terribly injured he would stretch out his hands blindly, reel an instant and fall.

GENERAL LEE IN HAVANA.
Gen. Lee is the right man in the right place. He should be left in Havana until it is an actual declaration of war compels him to take his departure.—Cleveland Leader.

Furthermore, the presence of a man of Gen. Lee's calm courage at Havana at this time is as advantageous to Spain as it is to the United States. A man of his nerve and judgment might well become panic stricken at the time of the disaster to the Maine, and have sent dispatches to Washington that would have precipitated action by this government.—Baltimore Sun.

Gen. Lee has represented the United States in state and American fashion at the Cuban capital, and he will not be recalled until his work is concluded or an open break comes with Spain.—Ohio State Journal.

Probably the wisest action of President McKinley has been to keep him where he was so wisely placed.—Chicago Chronicle.

Gen. Lee has done this country loyal and excellent service, showing a high measure of courage and discretion, and having every capacity for the effective discharge of his difficult and very responsible duties.—Philadelphia North American.

CHICAGO NEWS PROVERBS.
A fast mule often has a loose hind leg.

The bank-wrecker may be bailed out, but the bank usually sinks.

The man in a folding bed may always expect something to turn up.

All some men want is half a chance, but the majority prefer the whole.

Divorce is a pleasant subject when it frees one from an unpleasant master.

Although truth is stranger than fiction to many people they don't seem to care for an introduction.

Perhaps all things come to him who waits, but there are many things not worth waiting for.

HINTS FOR BUDDING POETS.
First get an idea. It's a good thing to have about you.

Don't call on the Muses to befriend you. They are too busy attending to others whose requests are in ahead of you.

It is advisable to procure a rhyming dictionary. Although this will blast your hopes, it will be merciful to your readers.

Avoid the temptation of copying Mac-tornick and Verlaine. If you must write morbid verse, create a shudder of your own.

Remember people like things they can't understand. Preciosity is a good pose.

Don't lie around in the woods in the snow looking at nature. It's foolish.

Try to get some other occupation. It's better if it is.

E. R. Mathews, in Life.

SWEDISH PHILOSOPHY.
(From the Denver Times.)
Always look up at te sun ven yo speak to cross-eyed man.

Faller met yag haf planty fon as long as at lif, bot gute yags die young.

Hard tens ought to furnish gute lesson for everybody, but dey vil not.

Es poorly hard to get voman to go to church and be gut Christian ef she haf lest yar's hat.

Biggest fool aye know of es fallor who can't mak he brains and mouth ron at sam tem.

Te fallor vot eats oop vot he's wife earns vashin never haf to be told to patronize home industry.

The Wind.
Oh, where does the wind begin, begin,
And where does it ever go?
If I were a bird I'd find the place
And follow it to and fro.

Over the valley and over the sea,
And over the mountain tops,
I'd start with the wind and keep with
And find just where it stops.
—New York Herald.

A Little Nonsense.
Nodd—What's the matter, old man?
You look sick.
Dodd—You know that I'mburger cheese I ate last night?
Nodd—Yes; you said it wouldn't hurt you.
Dodd—Well, the cheese disagreed with me.—New York Journal.

Necessary.
Brown—Do you say your prayers before going to bed?
Towne—Certainly; I sleep in a folding bed.—New York Journal.

Modern Warfare.
Emilly—How badly your new skirt hangs?
Ethelynn—Your's sets nicely, dear! After all, old things are the best.—New York Journal.

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GOMPERS EXPECTED IT.

He Foresaw the Acquittal of Sheriff Martin.

New York, March 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, denounces the decision in the Lattimer trial. He said to the Washington correspondent of the Herald:

"I am in no way surprised at this decision. I had predicted it from the first. The result could not be surprising, anyone who had followed the case and knew how it was presented to the court."

"The sheriff and deputies were the hirelings of the combined influences of the mining corporations, Judge Woodward himself, through his family is so connected that any closing of the mines means to him a loss of a considerable part of his income. Under these circumstances the result reached could not fail to be made."

"The companies, sheriffs and the judge and counsel for the defense, seemed moved by one motive, that this verdict should show that workers have no rights which corporations are bound to respect, and that their mercenaries have the right, if it is deemed necessary, to take every human life at their employer's caprice, especially when that life belongs to a foreign worker."

"Mr. Gompers declined to discuss the probable action of the large labor organizations as a result of this decision."

MRS. PORTER ROBBED.

Wife of Our Ambassador to France Loses Money and Jewels.

New York, March 11.—Mrs. Horace Porter, wife of the United States ambassador here, lodged a complaint with the police against a cabman who had charged with stealing a portmanteau, containing a large sum of money and some valuable jewelry, says the Paris correspondent of the Herald.

It appears from the Temps that Mrs. Porter took a cab on March 4th at Gare De L'Est. Upon reaching her house, she said the cabman but forgot the portmanteau, which she left in the cab. The cabman drove off and never returned.

An inquiry is on foot at the prefecture of police with the object of finding out which cabmen were at the station on the date indicated.

MAY BE A LOCKOUT.

Master Painters and Journeymen Clash on Wages.

Chicago, March 11.—Serious trouble is threatened about April 1 between the Master Painters association and the Painters and Decorators union over the scale of wages for the next two years. The master painters held a meeting at the Sherman house and resolved, unless the differences between the two organizations could be patched up on their own terms, to order a general lock-out early in April.

A proposition submitted by the painters and decorators provides for a scale of 35 cents an hour until March 1 next, and 37½ cents an hour for the year following. The painters say that 25 cents would be a fair rate of wages for the two years and declare they will not sign an agreement to pay the higher rate demanded.

BY WIRE AND WATER.

Power Will Be Conveyed to San Francisco From the Mountains.

San Francisco, March 11.—Prince Poniatowski is at the head of a company which proposes within a year to build at least 10,000 horse power from the waters now running to waste on the western slope of Sierra Nevada mountains in Alpine, Amadore and Calaveras counties, by means of an electrical line 110 miles in length, to this city.

The water supply embraces the Blue Lakes water company's system in the above named counties, which consists of various natural lakes and artificially constructed canals, and extends to an altitude from 8,109 feet to 5,675 feet above the sea level.

A system of canals will convey the water to the point of its conversion into electrical power, which will be conveyed through a heavy copper wire. The wire will cross San Francisco bay at an elevation of 100 feet above the water, opposite San Leandro, where there is not much traffic, and on its way here will pass through five counties.

The cost of the plant is estimated at \$1,000,000. Many prominent electricians and capitalists are interested in the enterprise.

IMPRISONED IN A CANON.

Carl Foutz Was Very Seriously Frozen at Ouray.

Ouray, March 11.—Early this morning Harvey Lewis and his assistant at the toll road house, four miles south of this city, discovered a man down a deep canon by hearing his shouts for assistance.

Procured ropes and drew him up to the road, and after a few hours brought him down to the city hospital. His hands and feet were badly frozen and some of his limbs may have to be amputated.

His name is Carl Foutz. He used to be a traveling salesman, but has been proscribed lately. His mind wanders and he cannot give any definite account of recent events.

"Among the Ozarks."

Is an attractive and interesting book, with views of South Missouri scenery. It pertains to fruit-raising in that great fruit belt of America, the southern slope of the Ozarks, and is of interest to fruit-growers and to every farmer and homeseeker looking for a farm and a home. Mailed free.

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Ladies' Choco lace Walking Boots.....	2.00	Men's black calf Shoes, new coin toe.....	2.00
Ladies' black Vici Kid Lace Boot, patent leather tip coin toe.....	2.50	Men's black novelty calf, new coin toe.....	2.50
Ladies' black Vici Kid Lace Boot, new spring last, vesting top.....	2.75	Men's black kangaroo calf, new coin toe....	2.50
Ladies' tan Vici Kid Lace Boot, new spring last, vesting top.....	2.75	Men's choco weed calf, new coin toe.....	2.50
Ladies' Choco Vici Kid Lace Boot, latest style and cut (John Kelly make).....	3.00	Men's tan vici Kid Shoe, new spring last...	3.00
Ladies' tan Lace Boot, of extra quality, vici kid in the very latest style (hand turned)	3.50	Men's choco tan Calf Shoes, new spring coin last.....	3.00
Ladies' black Lace Boot, finest quality vici kid (hand turned).....	3.50	Men's vici kid tan Lace Shoe, globe toe, (a fitter with lots of comfort).....	3.50
Largest line of Ladies' black and tan Oxford to be found in the city, in the latest styles, at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, 3.00		Men's Russia Calf medium tan Shoe, bon ton toe.....	3.50
		Men's light colored tan Russia Calf, bull dog toe, brass hooks and eyelets.....	3.50
		Men's vici kid black or tan, vesting top, new spring last (really cheap at \$5.00).....	4.00

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KANSAS NEWS.

Methodists Celebrate the Fortieth Baker Anniversary

At Baldwin—Two Kansas Conferences Unite

TO CHEER DR. EMBREE

Trial of the Jointist Who Killed Riley Co. Sheriff Up.

War Spirit at Larned Breaks Out at Theater.

GETTING CROP STATISTICS.

Assessors of Sedgwick and Reno Preparing for the Colorado Ditch Fight.

Wichita, March 11.—The board of county commissioners is preparing blanks to be sent to assessors of townships along the Arkansas river in Sedgwick county for the purpose of collecting data to be used in the suit which the protective association of southern Kansas, is to bring against the irrigation ditch companies of Colorado.

In Reno county similar steps have been taken and a special report will be made to the commissioners of both Reno and Sedgwick counties upon the matter of crop yields in the river bottom prior to the opening of the Colorado ditches and since that time.

FOR KILLING A SHERIFF.

Jointist Warren is on Trial at Clay Center—Defended by Senator Heasin.

Clay Center, March 11.—The trial of Isaac Warren for the killing of Sheriff S. B. Lord in October last, brought to this county from Riley county on a

Lost flesh lately?

Does your brain tire?

Losing control over your nerves?

Are your muscles becoming exhausted?

You certainly know the remedy. It is nothing new; just the same remedy that has been curing these cases of thinness and paleness for twenty-five years. Scott's Emulsion. The cod-liver oil in it is the food that makes the flesh, and the hypophosphites give tone to the nerves.

Abilene, March 11.—The central Kan-

sas counties have had a generous rain which has been a godsend to the wheat and oats. A large amount of the latter is already in the ground while the wheat is considered past the danger point. Experienced wheat growers say that the Golden Belt wheat section, including eight counties of central Kansas, has not for years had so fine a prospect.

Hutchinson, March 11.—There has been a slow fall of rain in the western Kansas during yesterday and last night. Enough rain fell in Reno county to put wheat in good growing condition. Good showers reported from Sterling, Ellenwood, Stafford and Dodge City.

Webb City, March 11.—A strong rain has fallen here without cessation, breaking the long drouth and greatly benefiting the wheat crop.

Lawrence, March 11.—The Kansas conference of the Methodist church met at Baldwin yesterday, going down on a special train to meet the South Kansas conference which had been in session at Ottawa.

The conference held a business session in the morning at which the reports of Presiding Elders McBride and Madison were made.

A special report was made by Mr. Embree in regard to the case of Dr. Embree, exonerating him completely from the charges brought against him and this report was heartily cheered by the conference. When Dr. Embree's name was mentioned later in the session in a complimentary way, the applause was repeated.

The following candidates were reported to have passed their fourth year studies and will be ready to become elders on Sunday: David A. Shurt of Overbrook; Henry T. Davis, of Gardner; T. M. Bell of Admire and H. B. Creel of Glenwood.

The event of the day was the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Baker university.

Both Kansas and South Kansas conferences met together. Addresses were made by Bishops Earl Cranston and C. H. Fowler. The report of the joint educational committee recommending various changes for Baker, was made and short speeches made by several ministers.

Bishop Cranston spoke strongly in favor of church schools over state schools and Bishop Fowler emphatically endorsed a classical course of study and hinted at disapproval of athletic sports. The conference joint sessions adjourned at 4:30 p. m., and the excursion trains returned the visitors to this city and to Ottawa.

KANSAS DRENCHED.

Eastern Portion Favored Most—Fall Light in the Extreme West.

The eastern half of Kansas was favored with a general rain yesterday and last night. The fall was heaviest along the eastern border, and grew lighter westward. The largest portion of the wheat belt received moisture. The rain extended into the territory south of Santa Fe and Rock Island roads. On the Union Pacific, rain was reported as far west as Russell. The rain has improved the already bright prospects for a heavy wheat crop in Kansas.

Jointist Kills His Rival.

Wichita, March 11.—Billy Jamison, a jointist at Clearwater, shot and mortally wounded W. Z. Nutting at 11 o'clock last night. The shot penetrated the

change of venue, is now in progress in the district court. Warren was brought here from Manhattan Monday afternoon and the case called the next morning.

An extra panel of 36 jurors had been summoned and this was exhausted during the forenoon session in trying to secure a jury. A special venire of 18 was issued yesterday afternoon and a satisfactory jury finally secured. They are all farmers.

F. L. Irish, county attorney of Riley county, is prosecuting the case, he being assisted by his law partner, R. J. Berck. Warren is defended by John E. Bessin of Manhattan. He is assisted by George C. Wilder also of Manhattan.

During the day the state introduced 18 witnesses. Mr. Hessin is constantly on the alert and at the several recesses he has been making a careful cross-examination of the witnesses. During the course of the day two of the actors who had been doing a song and dance turn, were excused, and they responded by singing a patriotic song in which the fate that befell the battleship Maine and her crew, was the theme.

"Down with Spain and Her Treachery," was the first line of the chorus, and at this the audience fairly went wild.

When the stars and stripes were brought in by another actor, the enthusiasm could be no longer restricted to hand clapping and a wild scene ensued. A great shout, as if by one man, went up from pit to gallery. Many men stood up and waved their hats.

REIGN OF MEASLES

Causes a Postponement of the Annual Normal Debate at Emporia.

Emporia, March 11.—The epidemic of measles and mumps prevailing among the normal students has become so serious as to cause the postponement of the annual debate set for this evening. One of the principal debaters, Mr. Thoroman, is down with the measles, and, further, a Mr. Brown, is just recovering.

A consultation was held by the faculty this afternoon over the advisability of having the contest in dramatic art take place immediately, as it was feared some of the participants, who have never had the measles, might be taken sick hereafter and force another postponement.

Free Methodists at Emporia.

Emporia, March 11.—The Free Methodists of Kansas are holding their annual conference here. About 150 delegates are present. The conference will last a week. Among the notable divines present are Rev. J. L. Dodge of Platte River, Rev. Edward Ballinger, Nebraska conference; Rev. C. E. Harrison, Missouri conference. The Kansas district elders present are Rev. J. N. Watson, Rev. John Wilson and Rev. J. Pemberton.

Jointist Kills His Rival.

Wichita, March 11.—Billy Jamison, a jointist at Clearwater, shot and mortally wounded W. Z. Nutting at 11 o'clock last night. The shot penetrated the

right lung and the wounded man has been slowly sinking from his wounds today. Nutting is the proprietor of a rival joint and the shooting occurred in his place. No facts are obtainable as to the cause.

Springhill Elevator Burned.

Olathe, March 11.—The elevator of L. Chamberlain of Springhill, this county, burned to the ground yesterday with its entire contents, as well as his lumber yard adjoining, entailing a loss of \$7,000 or \$8,000. The elevator was one of the largest frame elevators in this part of the country. There was no insurance.

Larned's Lionlike Investment.

Larned, March 11.—J. F. Upson, G. W. Crawford and James McNeil left here last night for Seattle where they will board a steamship for the Klondike country. It is understood that the above named gentlemen are the representatives of a company which will quietly formed in this city some weeks ago.

An Unlicensed Disorderly.</